

Application of:

Examiner: R. Stormer
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Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, rejecting claims 21-25 and 28, withdrawing claims 26 and 27 from consideration, and refusing to initiate an interference under 37 CFR §1.606. A request for a one-month extension of time is being filed with this Notice, thereby extending the reply due date of the Final Office Action to January 14, 2002 (January 13, 2002 being a Sunday).

A check in the amount of the \$160.00 Fee for filing this Notice of Appeal (provided in 37 CFR 1.17(b)) is enclosed.

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